

COYOTE VALLEY DAM OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Lake Mendocino is located on the the East Fork of the Russian River, about 5 miles northeast of Ukiah in Mendocino County, California. The Coyote Dam (also known as Coyote Valley Dam) project was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1944 and completed in 1958 for purposes of flood control, water supply, recreation and stream flow regulation. The six million cubic yard dam is compacted earth fill with an impervious core and measures 160 feet high and 3,500 feet long. Lake Mendocino has a storage capacity of 122,500 acre-feet and has a total surface area of 1,822 acres. The lake has an ungated spillway, designed for a maximum release of 35,800 cubic feet per second. Major facilities include an anadromous fish egg collection facility, visitor center complex, park headquarters, hydropower plant, developed campground (300 sites), 18 primitive boat-in/hike-in campsites, a trail system, two boat launch ramps, swim beach, and picnic areas. Six hundred and eighty nine acres of the park's 5,110 acres are devoted to wildlife management.

TOTAL FUNDING:

TOTAL COST:	\$	N/A
FEDERAL COST:	\$	N/A
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$	N/A

TOTAL FEDERAL COST FY04:	\$	3,190,000
FISCAL YEAR 05 BUDGET:	\$	4,348,000
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$	N/A

FY 04 AND 05 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Normal annual operation of project for recreation and flood control purposes. Plans and specifications have been made for the various backlog maintenance issues.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: Project became fully operational in 1960 and recreation areas have not been modernized since then. Many of the Lake's recreational facilities are more than 35 years old and it is imperative they be upgraded before system failures occur. Future priorities include replacement of seriously eroded riprap on the upstream face of the dam. Restrooms and sewer lines need replacement or major upgrades. The Bushay Campground is in need of major upgrading and replacement of facilities.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: 1st District, Rep. Mike Thompson

DISTRICT: San Francisco